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Applicant: Koichi WATANABE

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2006, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-3, for prosecution in the subject application.

Applicant, of course, reserves the right to include in this application any claims satisfying 37 CFR § 1.141 and/or to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of any non-elected claims.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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